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International application No.

PCT/JP03/09617

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ A61K31/352, 31/375, A61P9/00, 43/00, C07D311/62, A23L1/30, 1/302, 2/00, A23F3/14

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

CAPLUS (STN), CAOLD (STN), REGISTRY (STN), JICST (JOIS)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex.

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X	EP 815857 A1 (SUNTORY LTD.), 07 January, 1998 (07.01.98), Full text; particularly, example 7 & JP 9-291039 A Full text; particularly, example 7 & US 6294190 B1 & WO 97/23210 A1 & KR 98702533 A	5-7,9
A	SHUMEJKO, Pavel et al., THE EFFECT OF SIMULATED ACID RAIN ON THE BIOCHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF SCOTS PINE (PINUS SYLVESTRISL.), NEEDLES, Environmental Pollution, 1996, Vol.92, No.3, pages 315 to 321	1-9

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A	EP 1208755 A1 (Meiji Seika Kaisha, Ltd.), 29 May, 2002 (29.05.02), Full text & WO 01/001798 A1 & AU 200057068 A & KR 2002019481 A	1-9
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claims 1 to 4 and 9 relate to a composition improving the fluidity of blood which contains proanthocyanidine as the active ingredient.

Claims 5 to 8 relate to a drink which contains proanthocyanidine and ascorbic acid or its derivative.

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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